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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN EC MINIMUM EXPORT PRICES ON CHEESE FOR SPAIN

1. EC COMMISSION REGULATION 838/75 ON MARCH 26, 1975 MODIFIED
A PREVIOUS REGULATION BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCREASING MINIMUM
EXPORT PRICES ON SALES OF CHEESE TO SPAIN. EC COMMISSION REGULATION
1579/70 OF AUGUST 4,
1970 SPECIFIED THAT REFUNDS (SUBSIDIES) ON CHEESES EXPORTED
TO SPAIN FROM THE EC SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE ISSUE OF A
SPECIAL CERTIFICATE BY AND AUTHORIZED AGENCY IN THE EXPORTING
MEMBER STATE. THE CERTIFICATE, ISSUED ON THE APPLICATION OF THE
PARTY CONCERNED, ATTESTS THE ORIGIN, COMPOSITION, QUALITY, AND
SIMILAR SPECIFICATIONS, AND, PARTICULARLY, THAT THE PRICE OF THE
SHIPMENT WILL NOT BE LESS THAN A STATED MINIMUM EXPORT PRICE
FOR EACH TYPE OF CHEESE FREE-AT-SPANISH FRONTIER OR CIF SPANISH
PORT. THE CERTIFICATE FURTHER STATES THAT NO REFUNDS OR
PRIMIUMS, OR OTHER FORMS OF REBATE, HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE
GRANTED TO THE PURCHASES WHICH MIGHT HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDUCING
THE VALUE BELOW THE MINIMUM EXPORT PRICE INDICATED ON THE
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CERTIFICATE. THE 1970 REGULATION SET OUT THE MINIMUM EXPORT PRICES

BY TYPES OF CHEESE, WHICH MUST BE ENTERED ON THE CERTIFICATE.

2. SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF THE ABOVE REGULATION, SPAIN INCREASED ITS MILK PRICES AND IT THEREFORE HAS ASKED THE COMMUNITY TO AGREE TO AN INCREASE IN THE SPANISH THRESHOLD PRICES FOR CERTAIN CHEESES. MOREOVER, SPAIN HAS INCREASED THE LIST OF CHEESES SUBJECT TO THIS ARRANGEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 838/75 AMENDS THE REGULATION DESCRIBED ABOVE SO AS TO REFLECT THESE NEW CONDITIONS.

3. THE NEW REGULATION LISTS A DIFFERENT MINIMUM EXPORT PRICE FOR EACH OF 16 NARROWLY DEFINED, DIFFERENT CHEESES. FOLLOWING ARE THE MINIMUM EXPORT PRICES FOR CHEESES WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT US/EC CHEESE CONSULTATIONS. (PRICES ARE IN PESETAS PER 100 KGS. NET WEIGHT; SCHEDULE NUMBERS PERTAIN TO THE SPANISH CUSTOMS TARIFF.):

-- 14,225 PESETAS FOR EMMENTALER AND GRUYERE WHOLE CHEESES FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 A I A)1

-- 15,380 PESETAS FOR EMMENTALER AND GRUYERE CHEESE IN VACUUM-PACKED PIECES OF A WEIGHT EXCEEDING 1 KG FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 A E B)1

-- 16,095 PESETAS FOR EMMENTALER AND GRUYERE CHEESE IN VACUUM-PACKED PIECES OF A WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 1 KG BUT EXCEEDING 75 G FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 A I C)1

-- 13,243 PESETAS FOR CHEESE PROCESSED FROM EMMENTALER OR GRUYERE FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 D I A) OR D I B)

-- 13,495 PESETAS FOR CHEESES PROCESSED FROM EMMENTALER OR GRUYERE FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 D I C)

-- 11,442 PESETAS FOR OTHER PROCESSED CHEESES FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 D 2 A)

-- 11,686 PESETAS FOR OTHER PROCESSED CHEESES FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 D 2 B)
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-- 11,924 PESETAS FOR OTHER PROCESSED CHEESES FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 D 2 C)

-- 11,216 PESETAS FOR CHEDDAR CHEESE REPENED FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 G I B) 1

-- 12,493 PESETAS FOR CHEDDAR CHEESE RIPENED FOR MORE THAN

THREE MONTHS FALLING WITHIN SUBHEADING 04.04 G I B) 1
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